

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 26, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of last week, 55 percent of cotton has reached the bolls opening stage compared with 58 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Five percent has been defoliated compared with 7 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Western Arizona growers shipped mixed melons. Arizona growers also shipped red and yellow potatoes. Pasture and range conditions were generally rated mostly very poor to poor. In the Northeastern and East Central part of the State, there are areas where the grass is coming back and pastures look in good condition, but there are still some areas that have not received rain. Producers are still supplemental feeding and hauling tank water. In the North Central part of the State, forage conditions have improved because of an active monsoon season, but there are still some areas with extreme drought conditions. Heavy rains in some areas have resulted in some limited stream flow in the Northwestern part of the State, and finally some rain has been received in the South Central part of the State. For the week ending on August 26<sup>th</sup>, all but 15 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Canyon De Chelly reporting the least at 0.15 inches while Heber reported the most at 2.63 inches. Only 12 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 113 degrees at Bull Head City and Parker. The lowest temperature during the week was 41 degrees at Springerville. Twenty-three of the 48 reporting stations reported temperatures of 100 degrees or greater.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening .....	55	35	58	50
Defoliated .....	5	1	7	5

NA – not available

(--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.7	6.7	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	16	15	--	NA
Adequate.....	82	83	100	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	1	--	NA
Short.....	15	15	--	NA
Adequate.....	83	82	100	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	--	NA

NA – not available

(--)- zero

### CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	2	2	4	4
Poor.....	6	7	11	4
Fair.....	22	22	25	19
Good.....	46	47	33	42
Excellent.....	24	22	27	31
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	2
Poor.....	2	3	4	1
Fair.....	47	43	14	12
Good.....	41	44	54	50
Excellent.....	8	8	27	35
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	47	56	7	17
Poor.....	29	27	5	11
Fair.....	12	10	20	27
Good.....	9	6	43	35
Excellent.....	3	1	25	10

NA – not available

(--)- zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-08262018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-08262018.pdf)

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